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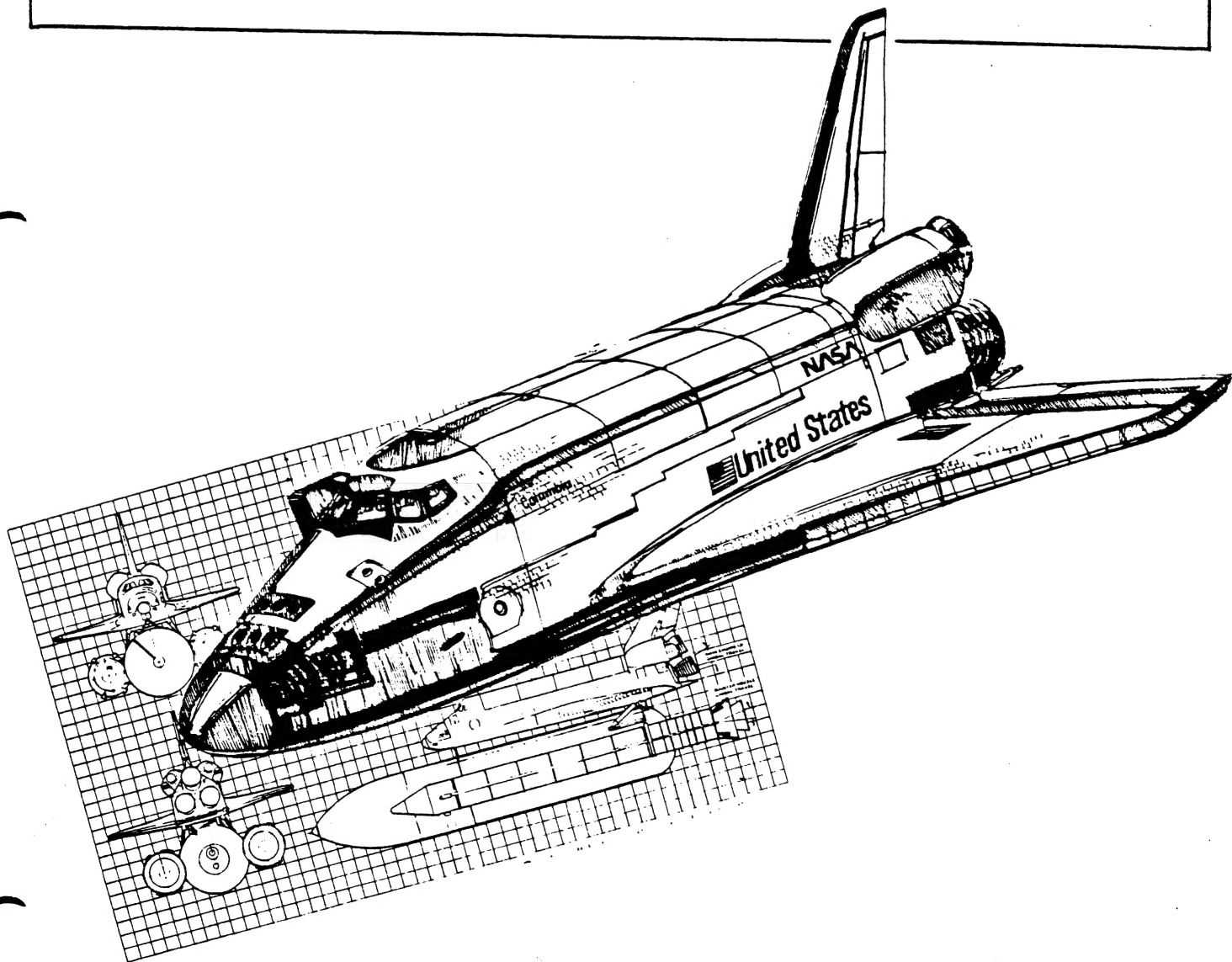
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Nets are conducted weekly as listed below. All amateurs are invited to check-in, members or non-members alike, with or without traffic. The nets are informal with net control stations serving on a rotating basis.

All Nets Sunday 10 meters (29.493 MHz) 1000 hrs; 75 meters (3993 kHz) SSB 1020 hrs;
80 meters CW (3610 kHz) 1030 hrs;
2 meters FM (147.63/03 via W3QV/R) 0930 hrs.

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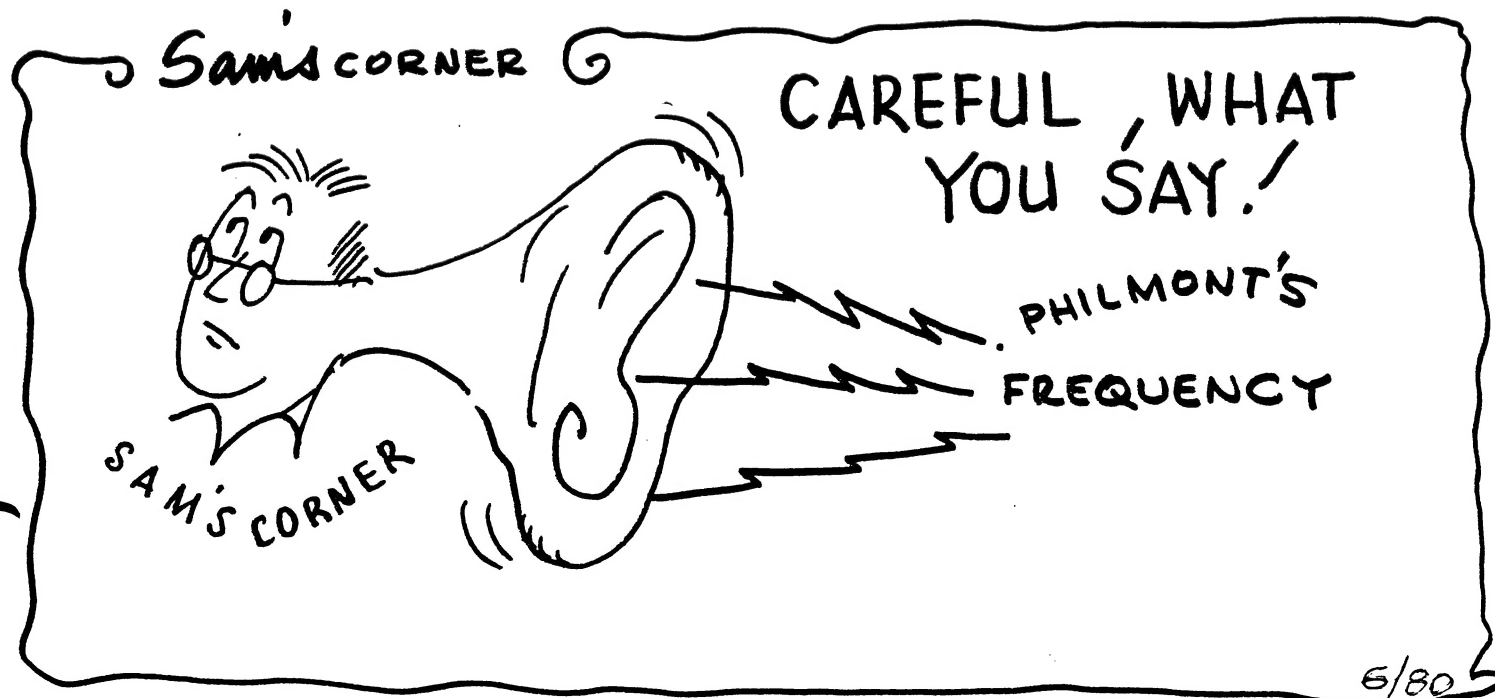
IT SEEMS TO ME

Next month, Ye Olde Ed will take a vacation (?) from redacting. The occasion is a change in location and all the upset associated with such a change.

Our Guest Editors will be Jim and Elaine Spencer who won the job when Jim commented that he wouldn't want to be Editor for more than one month. Hopefully, one month will do nicely.

We would appreciate it if our exchange papers would take note of the new address, which appears in this issue, and correct their mailing lists to suit.

de K3KUD



PREZ SEZ

June means Field Day, and even though Philmont is not participating as a Club, many of our members will be.

I personally will be working with the Delaware County Amateur Radio Association, and would like to extend an invitation to all Philmonsters to visit or participate with that club on Field Day. If you can't get away, at least fire up that transmitter and make some contacts, every point counts!

On April 20th, Old Prez and four other members had the privilege of doing the communications for the Penn Relay Marathon. I can't begin to tell you how much fun we had. If you were listening, you probably heard how exciting the race was. I'd like to thank AF3F, WB3KAB, WB3KAC and W3ZPP for their help with the Marathon communications. You can't imagine how grateful the committee and officials were for our help. Without the Amateur stations, they wouldn't have any way to know where the runners were. They have asked us to do it again next year.

We have also been asked, and are going to provide communications for the Philadelphia Distance Run in September. Although a much shorter race, it will require much more participation from the Club. More on that later.

Last, but not least, I would like to congratulate Captain Arnold Sadwin (WB2LGY) for his successful launching. We understand his first mate Sue (WA2YQG) hasn't gotten her "Sea Legs" yet, but Arnie is working on it.

de WB3CMM

Joe Welch, K3CT, a long-time Philmonster, was named Amateur Of The Year at the Rochester (N.Y.) Hamfest. Congratulations!

If you like to practice dots, send the following: SHE IS 55 ES SHE IS HIS SISTER.

(Smoke Signals via ARNS)

PHILMONT CALENDAR FOR JUNE

June 2 General Meeting at Franklin Institute, 8:00 P.M.

June 14 Flag Day

June 15 Father's Day

June 18 Director's Meeting, W3UY, 8:00 P.M.

June 28-29 Field Day Weekend

June 30 BLURB Folding, W3BBB, 7:15 P.M.

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MEETING REPORTS

April Director's Meeting: Combining business with pleasure was the order of the day as a group of 40 Philmonters and friends enjoyed Stag Nite at the Tankard Inn on April 16. With the efficiency that we have come to expect, Dick Klein, W3WXC, took care of all the arrangements and we thank him for a job well done.

The business portion of the meeting was short, but among the items of business before the Board was the acceptance of two new members, W3KIF and WB3KZF and a discussion of the possibility of a bulk coaxial cable purchase. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 P.M.

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May General Meeting: After a short business session, in the course of which Jim Spencer, W3BBB, was accorded the dubious honor of membership in The Dirty Dozen; The Minutes and Treasurer's Report were read; and Penn Relay Marathon tee-shirts were presented to those who participated in that event, the 50 members and 11 visitors present enjoyed the evening's program.

Presented by the Wurts family, WB3FYK, Tracey, his XYL and WB3FYK, son Christopher, WB3LVG, and daughter Wisty, KA3 (waiting for license), the subject was Transmitter Hunting. With films and demonstration the Wurts' showed us why they enjoy this phase of amateur radio and made it clear how the competition can become habit forming.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMOR, BUREAU OF LAUGHS

The following letter was sent to us by George, W3KN, and needs no comment from us.

Pardee Lane
Wyncote, Pa. 19095
23 January 1968

Mr. Everett Henry
Chief, Amateur & Citizens Division
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Henry:

Some months ago, I applied for a "2 letter" Call Sign by virtue of the fact that I was first licensed as an amateur more than 25 years ago, and had received my Extra Class license.

Yesterday my license, with the new Call Sign arrived. As you can see from the attached copy, I'm now W3BO.

Having lived with the name "Weed" for 47 years, and put up with the nickname of "Stinky" as a youth was bad enough - but the BO really tops it all. When I told my wife, she all but had hysterics. All my ham friends, likewise. Even those I've spoken to at FCC think it's funny, and it is; but I would rather not live with it the remainder of my life.

I would be more appreciative if another 2 letter call sign could be issued me. If you would care to discuss this further with me, rather than write, I would be happy to accept a collect call from you. During the day, you may reach me at Area Code 215-228-7515.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

George B. Weed

A few weeks later, I received a new license with W3KN, and the next day a call from Mr. Henry, asking if I was satisfied with it. We had a good laugh and I thanked him profusely. Joe Welch tipped me off that he was to retire in 1971, so I sent him a card, reminding him of the above and wishing him well. His reply, in part, said "Yes, I remember the BO suffix, which, under the circumstances, was just too much to inflict on any amateur".

That, fellow hams, was the "OLD FCC", when they had a heart.

73,

W3KN

PENN RELAYS MARATHON

Sunday, April 20th, was a beautiful day for running and a large number of marathon addicts did just that to signal the opening of the Annual Penn Relays Carnival. Philmonters provided check-point communications and enabled the staff, stationed at Franklin Field, to keep abreast of times and positions along the route. With WB3CMM as control station and mobiles manned by AF3F, W3ZPP, WB3KAB and WB3KAC at the check-points, Philmont once again proved its ability to handle an assignment. Our congratulations for a job well done.

The Club is considering the purchase of a reel of RG-213 Coaxial cable. This is a 50-ohm cable similar to RG-8, but of generally higher quality. The cost is expected to be in the 24 to 28 cent per foot range. If you are interested, fill in the order blank below and get it to Bill Mescanti, WB3CMM.

NAME: _____

CALL: _____

Number of feet wanted: _____

(This order blank can be removed - opposite side is blank.)

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Name: Francis G. Clark, N3BEX
Address: 4684 Umbria St.
Phila., PA 19127
Wife: Alberta (no call)
Phone: (H) 482-9165

Handle: Frank

Sponsored by: KB3CT, WA3ADI

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Name: Kenneth Madsen, W3IPK
Address: 54 Christopher Drive
Holland, PA 18966
Wife: Josephine (no call)
Occupation: Manager, Canteen Corp.
Phone: (H) 355-9066 (B) 676-4700

Handle: Ken

Sponsored by: WB3CMM, N3ATR

Action on the above will be taken at the June Director's Meeting.

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.. NET CONTROL SCHEDULE (W3IGW)

	(W3AWH) <u>80-meters*</u>	(W3GIF) <u>10-meters**</u>	(W3SRU) <u>2-meters</u>
<u>June</u>			
1	W3PWG	KB3CT	W3IGW
8	W3AOA	W3GIF	WB3CMM
15	W3SGR	WB3KUR	W3SRU
22	AK2I	W3KDO	K3PHC
29	W3AWH	WB3CMM	W3BBB
<u>July</u>			
6	W3PWG	KB3CT	W3WXC
13	W3AOA	W3GIF	W3AWG
20	W3SGR	WB3KUR	W3PST
27	AK2I	W3KDO	W3ZPP

75-meter SSB Net: 3993 KHz; 10:20-10:35 A.M. Net Controls as shown.
 *80-meter CW Net: 3610 KHz; 10:30 A.M. Net Control N3WW; Alternates: W3RM; AK2I
 **10-meter AM Net: 29.493 MHz; 10:00-10:15 A.M. Net Control K3GBA; Alternate K3HIE
 10-meter SSB Net: 29.493 MHz; 10:15-10:30 A.M. Net Controls as shown.
 2-meter FM Net: 147.63/03 (W3QV/R); 9:30-10:15 A.M. Net Controls as shown.

Club Calling Period: 147.63/03 (W3QV/R); Every Evening 7:00-7:05 P.M.

Please note the following change of address:

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